

REMARKS:Status

Claims 1 to 16 are pending, with claims 1 to 6 having been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 7 to 9, 11 to 14, and 16 have been amended. Claims 7 and 12 are the independent ones of the claims under consideration. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Objections

The Office Action objected to the application for typographical errors at page 6, line 10, and page 9, line 18. Applicant has corrected these typographical errors.

The Office Action also objected to claims 7 and 12 for typographical errors. Applicant has corrected these typographical errors as well.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal is respectfully requested of the objections.

Claim Rejections

Claims 7 to 10 and 12 to 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2003/0101168 (Chow). Claims 11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. over Chow and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,324,522 (Peterson).

Applicant has amended claim 7 to read as follows:

7. A method for translating a document that includes a set of proprietary part numbers over a network, including steps of receiving a first document including a first set of proprietary part numbers from a client workstation, wherein a user of said client workstation wishes to engage in supply chain management, design collaboration, or the purchase or sale of services or fungible goods; translating said first set of proprietary part numbers into a set of universal part numbers; determining availability of one or more parts associated with said set of universal part numbers; translating said set of universal part numbers into a second set of proprietary part numbers; and generating a second document using the second set of proprietary part numbers that summarizes a transaction involving the parts.

The applied art is not seen by Applicant to disclose or to fairly suggest the foregoing features of claim 7, at least with respect to generating a second document using the second set of proprietary part numbers that summarizes a transaction involving the parts.

In more detail, Chow discloses dynamically determining “another set of manufacturer part numbers and internal part numbers” from a customer part number. See para. [0037] of Chow. However, Chow does not appear to generate a whole new document using a set of part numbers translated from a universal set of part numbers.

The generated second document recited by claim 7 can include part numbers that the recipient of that document readily understands, for example as recited by claim 9. Thus, each party to a transaction using the invention can work with purchase orders and bills of manufacture that includes part numbers with which they are familiar, regardless of what other companies (and associated part number schemes) are involved in the transaction. Chow does not appear to teach such functionality.

Peterson, which was cited for teaching the elements of dependent claims 11 and 16, does not appear to offer anything that remedies the foregoing deficiencies of Chow.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested of the rejections of claim 7 and its dependent claims.

Claim 12 recites a memory that includes instruction for performing the steps of method claim 7. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal also are respectfully requested of the rejections of claim 12 and its dependent claims.

No Admission

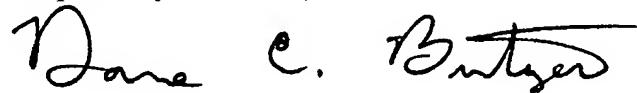
Applicant's decision not to argue each of the dependent claims separately is not an admission that the subject matter of those claims is disclosed or suggested by the applied art.

Closing

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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Respectfully submitted,



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